

## ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP



U.S. EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program is a results-oriented voluntary partnership program. It achieves risk reduction through pollution prevention and applying Agency expertise and technical tools.

Designing for the environment is incorporating environmental considerations into business decision making. The EPA DfE Program collaborates with industry sectors to help businesses design or redesign products, processes and management systems that are cleaner, more cost-effective and safer for the worker and the public.

The Furniture Flame Retardancy Partnership is a joint effort among the U.S. EPA DfE Program, U.S. EPA Region IX, all segments of the furniture industry supply chain, government and non-government groups to identify environmentally safer solutions for meeting current and future furniture fire safety requirements.

### Steering Committee Members:

#### **American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA) (formerly AFMA)**

"AHFA understands and supports the long range nature of this project and encourages EPA to remain engaged with private sector stakeholders to develop environmentally sound solutions to fire safety."



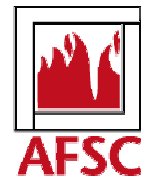
#### **Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA) International**

"BIFMA is committed to promoting sustainable work environments and business practices based on sound economics, environmental protection, and social responsibility."



#### **American Fire Safety Council (AFSC)**

"AFSC is committed to improving fire safety standards and saving lives...We expect this partnership to lead to the implementation of safe and environmentally sound approaches to fire safety."



#### **GreenBlue**

"GreenBlue is attracted to this partnership because of the rare opportunity to reconceive design criteria for flame-retardant products."



## **Partners:**

### **FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS**

**American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA) (formerly AFMA)**

**Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA) International**

Berkline/Benchcraft  
Brayton International  
Herman Miller  
HNI Corporation (formerly Hon Industries)  
Krueger International, Inc. (KI)  
Steelcase

### **CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS**

**American Fire Safety Council (AFSC)**

Albemarle Corporation  
Ameribrom, Inc. (ICL Industrial Products)  
Great Lakes Chemical Corporation  
Para Chem  
Supresta (formerly Akzo Nobel)

### **FABRIC/BARRIER MANUFACTURERS**

Craftex Mills  
Culp  
Felters  
Glen Raven  
Microfibres  
National Textile Association  
Quaker

### **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Clean Production Action (CPA)  
GreenBlue  
Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute (MA TURI)

### **GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Design for the Environment Program

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Building and Fire Research Laboratory